

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 22-913, Tipped Wage Workers Fairness Amendment Act of 2018

on

**Monday, September 17, 2018
11:00 a.m., Council Chambers, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on Bill 22-913, the “Tipped Wage Workers Fairness Amendment Act of 2018.” The hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 17, 2018 in Hearing Room 500, the Council Chambers, of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-913 is to repeal Initiative 77, the “Minimum Wage Amendment Act of 2018.” On June 19, 2018, Initiative 77 was approved through a ballot initiative and certified by the DC Board of Elections on June 29, 2018. Initiative 77 purports to increase the minimum wage in the District to \$15.00 hourly by 2020, which is already required pursuant to DC Law 21-144, the “Fair Shot Minimum Wage Amendment Act of 2016.” Additionally, the Initiative increases the “tipped minimum wage” for tipped employees to \$15.00 per hour by 2026. Currently, employers of tipped workers must pay their tipped workers a “tipped minimum wage” below the standard minimum wage, and tipped workers can earn tips that make their hourly wage well above the standard minimum wage. Under current law if a “tipped worker” does not make enough tips to bring his or her hourly wage equal to or above the current standard minimum wage, their employer must pay their tipped workers the difference. Under Initiative 77, the “tipped minimum wage” would be eliminated by 2026, and employers will have to pay their tipped employees \$15.00 an hour regardless of whether their employees make tips.

Witnesses must limit their testimony to three minutes. Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Christina Setlow, Deputy Committee Director at (202) 724-4865, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018**. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 20 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on September 13, 2018 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on <http://lims.dccouncil.us>. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed 24 hours in advance of the hearing at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2018.